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FOR: The Commissioners
FROM: Stuart Reiter /RA/
Acting Chief Information Officer
SUBJECT: THE 1999 NRC ANNUAL REPORT

PURPOSE:

To inform the Commission that, with the advice of the Office of the General Counsel, and in coordination with the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, I plan to publish the 1999 Annual Report, which my office prepares, as an appendix to the 1999 Accountability and Performance Report.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995, the statutory requirement to send Congress an NRC Annual Report ended on December 21, 1999. Since each year's Annual Report is ordinarily published in the following fiscal year, NRC asked the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) whether, in view of this act, the NRC had to publish a Fiscal Year 1999 annual report. To date, OMB has not responded. Additionally, in a Staff Requirement's Memorandum (SRM-99-093), dated June 4, 1999, the Commission stated that if the report could not be eliminated my staff should design the report to be more concise and clearer to the target audience without duplicating information in other documents. We believe that this annual report will comply with that direction. Consistent with the Sunset Act, the NRC will discontinue its annual report after publishing the FY 1999 edition.

DISCUSSION:

The Executive Director for Operations has asked the offices and regions to update testimony by February 2, 2000, that is scheduled to be presented to Congress on March 9, 2000. This updated testimony is both retrospective for FY 1999 and prospective for FY 2000. My staff intends to use the most significant accomplishments from this draft testimony to create an abbreviated annual report that does not repeat information the NRC publishes in its Strategic Plan, Budget and Performance Plan, Accountability Report, and Performance Report.

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RESOURCES:

This abbreviated annual report would place no additional burden on the offices for formulating the information. My staff expects that compilation, composition, and proofing the report would require no more than 1 work week and that office review of the report would require no more than 2 work days each. In prior years, the report cost about \$55,000, primarily in FTE costs. Of this amount, my staff expended about 30 percent to compile, edit, and produce the report, while the offices expended about 70 percent to prepare their information.

COORDINATION:

The Office of the General Counsel has no legal objection to this paper. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer and the Office of Congressional Affairs concur with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Commission note that I intend to publish an abbreviated NRC Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999 as an appendix to the Accountability Report, which is scheduled to be published March 31, 2000.

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